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CAIRO TRAIN OUTRAGE WAS ACT OF REVENGE

War For This Year Forecast

Copenhagen, Feb. 29.—M. A. G. Toldness, a Dane who claims to be able to foretell the future, told a newspaper here that two big countries would be involved in another war this year.

A third country would start it, he said. He claimed that Marshal Stalin was against another war, but that the other great powers were working towards one.

M. Toldness said he had looked into the future and had seen men in foreign costumes carrying knives turned forward.

Reuter.

Heavy Water Bootleggers Arrested

Munich, Feb. 29.—Eleven men have been arrested on charges of "bootlegging" heavy water—used in atomic experiments. It was disclosed yesterday.

Identity of the arrested men—some of whom were non-Germans—was kept secret. The authorities said this was because "further developments" are expected.

U.S. public safety officers confirmed that German police had smashed a ring of operators.

American authorities are taking an interest in the grounds that the re-creation of heavy water to atomic energy lifts the case out of the local German category.

German police said that eight aluminum flasks of the precious liquid were salvaged from Norway in spite of the British wartime commando raids which smashed German testing equipment there.

BURIED IN GARDEN

They told this story.

The flasks were brought to Munich University in 1945. A science professor buried them in his garden. He was killed by a shell a few days later.

The professor's wife remembered the flasks two years later and last year made a deal to sell each flask for 40,000 marks (\$2,000).

A Yugo-Slav contact man turned a sample over to a Spanish chemist. He found the liquid to be genuine.

Recently the German criminal police stumbled on the activities of the ring and one investigator posed as an interested Swiss. When the deal was made the operators were arrested.—Associated Press.

Kashmir Raiders Repulsed

London, Feb. 29.—Fifty-nine raiders were killed when an Indian Army patrol made several bayonet charges in a night attack near Naushera, Kashmir, New Delhi Radio reported.

The raiders were driven off and several machine gun posts were destroyed, the Radio added.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Communism's Threat

THE swift Communist coup in Czechoslovakia (manifestly inspired and directed by Moscow) followed by the thinness of thinly veiled ultimatums to Finland are positive signs that Russia is preparing for a final break with her democratic wartime allies and that she intends to dominate as much of Europe as she can before the next shooting match begins. Stalin has personally indicated to the Finns that they would be well advised to enter into a defensive alliance with the Soviets, and the meaning of such a move cannot be mistaken. The alliance will be the prelude to another political push which will see the Finnish Communist party, at present in a hopeless minority, become rulers of the State. Nor does there appear to be any way of preventing such a coup. It can be anticipated that if the Finnish people attempted to resist the political moves now being planned by Finland's Communists and Moscow, Stalin would regard this as sufficient reason for undisguised interference in the shape of armed coercion. That might be risky, but on general appearances, no more so than when Hitler invaded in similar tactics with Austria, Memel and Czechoslovakia. The Communists have proved themselves expert in the art of political divide and rule and everything points to Finland being the next victim of this technique. But a more crucial

28 British Soldiers Killed

Jerusalem, Feb. 29.—Three mines exploded with terrific impact today under three railway sleeper cars crowded with British soldiers, killing 28 of them and injuring 33 others.

British authorities blamed Jews, and the Jewish underground Stern Gang said it had blown up the train in retaliation for the Jerusalem bombing which killed 54 Jews last Sunday.

"This is our answer for last Sunday's Ben Yehuda Street crime," a Sternist announcement declared. Jews have blamed the British for the Jerusalem bombing despite British denials and Arab claims of responsibility for it.

The three railway sleepers were on the Cairo Express north-bound from Cairo to Haifa. The blast occurred a mile and a half north of Rehovet, a Jewish citrus belt town 15 miles southeast of the Jewish coastal city of Tel-Aviv.

An Army spokesman said electrical wires detonated mines shattered the wooden cars, which were jammed with soldiers returning from leave in Cairo.

AGONISED CRIES

Splintered wood and twisted shrapnel from the demolished coaches splattered over nearby orange groves. The agonised cries of the dying and wounded rent the air in that isolated section of the coastal plain.

The track rails were twisted grotesquely and were tangled in the debris of the train itself.

Ambulances converged on the scene over sniper-infested roads from nearby Arab and Jewish towns.

The Army spokesman said four mines were planted but one failed to go off. The other three were spaced so they went off directly underneath each of the three coaches.

Lieutenant General G. H. Macmillan, Commander of British forces in Palestine reported from the blast area that the toll would have been "50 or more" if the fourth mine had detonated.

Sappers who dismantled the dud mine said it contained 100 pounds of ammonal explosive and was connected by a 40 yard wire to a plunger.

The Cairo Express has been a target for attack three times before. The day also brought deaths and violence to other parts of Palestine. Unofficial Jewish sources in Tel-Aviv said six Jews were killed when a reconnaissance party of the Hagana army was ambushed in the village of Salame near Tel-Aviv. The bodies were recovered by British police.

question is whether the Russians seriously intend to try and bring about the political disruption of Italy and France. The economic and financial condition of both countries automatically weakens resistance to the insidiously subtle methods of Communist infiltration and political sabotage. The known influence of the Communists in the French and Italian trade unions is already formidable, and with their training in opportunism they are capable of turning any situation to their advantage. Moscow is almost certain to intensify its efforts to stir up strife in Italy, Greece and France in the coming months. If for no other immediate purpose than to sabotage the Marshall aid plan, which Stalin and his associates obviously recognise as constituting the most effective barrier to Communism in Western Europe. For this reason the coup in Czechoslovakia, the overt threat to Finland and the clear danger to Italy and France may spur the American Congress to rapid approval of the Emergency Relief Plan for Europe, and by its quick implementation provide the one protection against a Communist-dominated continent. Certainly if the present free countries of the continent are to have a fair chance of saving themselves from becoming political and economic satellites of Russia they must be given assistance and encouragement without delay.

PWD HOLD-UP

Armed Jews today took over at pistol point the office of the Palestine Government Public Works Department in the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem and occupied the building for four hours.

The office, which is in the Street of the Prophets, was thoroughly searched while the staff was lined up against the walls with their hands raised.

They left after taking possession of documents, explosives, surveying instruments and some motorcycles, to a total value of £10,000.

While the raid was in progress, armed Jews, described as Irgun, Zvai Leumi members, kept guard in the courtyard and patrolled the streets outside.

A Jewish illegal immigrant ship, the "Builders and Fighters" with about 1,000 illegal immigrants on board, has been boarded off the Palestine coast by units of the Royal Navy and is now steaming under escort to Haifa.

The ship was reported yesterday to have been intercepted by the Royal Navy after being spotted by British patrolling aircraft.—Reuter.

SHELLS AGAINST SNIPERS

Jerusalem, Feb. 29.—Two-pounder shells were fired in Jerusalem tonight by the British Army to silence Jewish snipers—the first time the British have used weapons of this calibre inside the city.—Reuter.

Milton Reynolds Sets Out To Find A Mountain

Chicago, Feb. 29.—Millionaire pen manufacturer Milton Reynolds, set out today to see if he can find a mountain higher than 29,000 foot Mount Everest.

With a small group of scientists and his plane crew, Reynolds took off from Municipal airport on the first leg of a flight to China.

The group, in a specially equipped four-engine C-87 named the Explorer, planned to land tonight at Palm Springs, Calif. Reynolds said he expected to start the over-water part of the flight from San Francisco on Tuesday after a final check of plane and equipment. The itinerary includes Honolulu, Manila, Okinawa, Tokyo and Shanghai. The expedition plans to map and measure the Amnie Machin mountains of Tsinzhai province in Northwestern China.

Reynolds said he believes the range has several of the highest peaks in the world, but it has never been explored thoroughly because it is virtually inaccessible.—Associated Press.

Stabilisation Loan For China Unlikely

ATTITUDE OF U.S. OFFICIALS

Washington, Feb. 29.—Informed consensus here is that there is virtually no possibility of the Chinese Government securing any currency stabilisation loan in the United States in the foreseeable future.

Despite the increasing Republican clamour for aid to China beyond the \$570,000,000 commodity and reconstruction programme under Congressional consideration, well informed sources in close touch with all aspects of the situation said they were certain in a final analysis that no source here would be willing to take the responsibility for such a loan at present.

It is understood that most Administration officials believe that the current Republican demands for larger scale aid to China such as those being advanced by Senators Robert Taft and Styles Bridges are designed for political effect rather than stemming from any basic intention to attempt to secure more money for the Nanking government.

MUST STRIKE BALANCE

The consensus amongst informed officials is that any Administration attempt to get Congress to vote a stabilisation loan on top of the \$570,000,000 commodity and reconstruction grant probably would result in defeat for both plans.

The official consensus here is that all efforts to stabilize the Chinese currency through foreign loans or other "external mechanism" would prove of no avail until the Nanking government is able to bring its expenditures and tax receipts into something approximating balance.

Meanwhile, experts pointed out that the only two possible sources outside of Congress for any Chinese stabilisation loan are the Export-Import Bank and the World Bank, both of which already have ruled themselves out of the picture.

Export-Import Bank officials decided flatly against the possibility of making any such loan, firstly, because they think it would be useless under the present economic conditions in China and, secondly, because they interpreted the Bank's charter as prohibiting that type of loan.

The Bank cannot make a stabilisation loan to China because that country has been unable to maintain any definite par value of its currency which is one of the prerequisites to the international bank advancing stabilisation funds.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

It is considered possible that demand by Republican Congressmen might result in some additions to the military equipment assistance and the issuance of directives which would permit the American military mission in China to operate closer to field level.

However, it is expected that the Administration may soon attempt to show the full scale of its military equipment provided the Chinese under surplus property, deals and in other forms during the past two years. Whether this would have the effect of heading off Republican demands for military aid is not certain.

These sources asserted that their analysis of the Congressional sentiment on China aid disclose that although there are a number of vociferous Republican proponents of increased aid to Nanking, the general economy sentiment of the majority of Congressmen may be judged by their approach to China. They said they believed that when a showdown came there would be no general disposition amongst Congressmen to go further than the present Administration programme envisages.

NOT ACCEPTABLE

Commenting on reports that the Chinese might come up with a plan for an indirect attack on the currency problem which would envisage a United States loan to be put at the disposal of a Chinese foreign exchange equalisation committee in Shanghai, instead of being devoted to specific purposes of bolstering the currency, the sources said this would not be considered any more acceptable than a direct stabilisation loan request.

They said it would be considered merely as an attempt to disguise the question and most administration officials would still see it as "nothing more than a credit" for the government to draw upon.—United Press.

CURFEW IMPOSED IN ACCRA

Accra, Gold Coast, Feb. 29.—A 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. curfew was imposed here today as more police were drafted into Accra after yesterday's rioting in which two African ex-servicemen were killed and 23 injured.

Yesterday's clashes occurred when the Africans were marching to petition the Governor on grievances, including unemployment and the imprisonment of African servicemen court-martialed in Burma.

Stones were thrown. The police used tear gas and shots were fired. In the rioting which followed Europeans were attacked, vehicles damaged, shops looted and a big department store set ablaze.—Reuter.

U.S. Plan To Admit 100,000 European Refugees Into Country

Washington, Feb. 29.—The admission of 100,000 European refugees into the United States over a two-year period, starting on July 1 this year, is recommended by a majority report of a five-man United States Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, due to be published tomorrow.

The plan may be changed before the full committee submits its recommendations to the Senate.

A copy of the report, handed to newspapermen today, showed that two members, Senators John Cooper (Republican of Kentucky) and Howard McGrath (Democrat of Rhode Island) disagreed with the majority.

Senator Cooper urged that 150,000 persons be admitted over a two-year

Consolidation Of Soviet Bloc In Europe Promised

Paris, Feb. 29.—New steps towards the consolidation of the Russian bloc of Eastern European states were promised by M. Vladimir Clementis, the Czechoslovak Deputy Foreign Minister, in a message today to L'Humanite, the French Communist newspaper.

M. Clementis stated: "We have the intention within the next few weeks of completing our system of alliance by signing treaties, particularly with Bulgaria and Rumania."

"Nothing has changed our desire to collaborate with the Western States by concluding bilateral agreements with them in the realm of national sovereignty."

Of future events in Czechoslovakia, M. Clementis said: "The new system will not cause any fundamental changes. The new Gottwald Cabinet will realise, as rapidly as possible, the programme which it planned and whose realisation was confided to it by the last elections."

"We will continue with these free elections, which will take place on a date to be fixed by the law."

"In the domain of exterior policy, we will continue to rely on our treaties of alliances, which have been directed against the possibility of a renaissance of Germany or of any of Germany's allies, no matter who they may be."

DEMOCRATIC SETTLEMENT

Prague, Feb. 29.—The Czechoslovak people is "fundamentally democratic and will remain so," M. Jan Masaryk, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, in his first pronouncement since the crisis, told a French correspondent today.

He said the crisis was started by people who wrongly thought it was possible to govern without or even against the Communists and added: "It was settled in a democratic and constitutional way."

The Foreign Minister said: "I always went with the people and will go with them now."

"I joined this Government out of a democratic conviction and I will serve our new democracy as long as necessary and as long as my strength allows."—Reuter.

MRP RESOLUTION

Paris, Feb. 29.—A resolution condemning the "coup d'etat" committed in Prague against democracy and the installation of a minority dictatorship was passed tonight by the National Committee of the Popular Republican (MRP) Party.

The Committee adopted another resolution pledging support to the Prime Minister, M. Robert Schuman, for his "courage and disinterestedness in vigorously pursuing the economic restoration of France and his fight against rising prices."—Reuter.

"SECOND MUNICH"

Paris, Feb. 29.—M. Gaston Palewski, General de Gaulle's "right hand man" and a former executive of his Rally of the French people, said at Bayonne, south-western France, today that the war-time Yalta Pact was the "Second Munich" and the Communist seizure of power in Czechoslovakia was its aftermath.

To counteract the "Soviet expansion" which threatened the world's peace, he suggested the inauguration of a European federation capable of establishing prosperity and creating a strategically solid bloc.

He urged his hearers to "hasten the accession of the Rally of the French People to power in France by demanding the dissolution of the present National Assembly and the elimination of the Third Force (the grouping of Communist parties)" which has taken the wrong road.—Reuter.

GOTTWALD'S PROMISE

Prague, Feb. 29.—Premier Klement Gottwald today promised the nation's farmers ownership of up to 120 acres of the land they cultivate, but said Czechoslovakia will not adopt the Soviet system of collective farms.

He and his Minister of Agriculture, Julius Duris, presented the new Communist-led government's plans for agricultural reform at a rally in Wenceslas Square.

Duris outlined a 10-point programme of land reform. It included subsidies for farmers to be taken from the yield of profitable industries and large loans to help farmers and their wives mechanize their farms and homes.

Gottwald called upon the farmers to produce more food so Czechoslovakia could fulfil her two-year plan for industrial development.—Associated Press.

DIFFICULT HOURS AHEAD

Prague, Feb. 29.—M. Edenek Fierlinger, Czechoslovakia's new Social Democrat Minister of Industry, today warned of "difficult hours" ahead and called for the defence of innocent people who might otherwise suffer in the purges.

The Minister, who led the Leftwing revolt in his party and rounded up large part of it into line with the new National Front programme sponsored by the Communists, wrote in his party journal, Prave Lidu: "Now we have to strengthen anew

HUNGARIAN FUSION

Budapest, Feb. 29.—M. Arpad Szekessy, the Hungarian Socialist leader, who hitherto opposed a fusion of the Hungarian Communists and the Social Democratic parties, today announced in an editorial in the newspaper Nepszava that a fusion of the two parties would take place at the Social Democrat Party Congress starting on March 6.—Reuter.

Last July, President Truman asked Congress for a bill to admit a number of displaced persons into the United States as immigrants.

The bill suggested by the three senators in the majority report specifies that at least half of the displaced persons admitted must be natives of countries taken over by a foreign power.

All such persons would have to qualify under the United States immigration laws for permanent residence in the United States and they would have to possess a skill needed in the area in which they intend to live.

Fifty per cent of the total admitted would have to have agricultural training.—Reuter.

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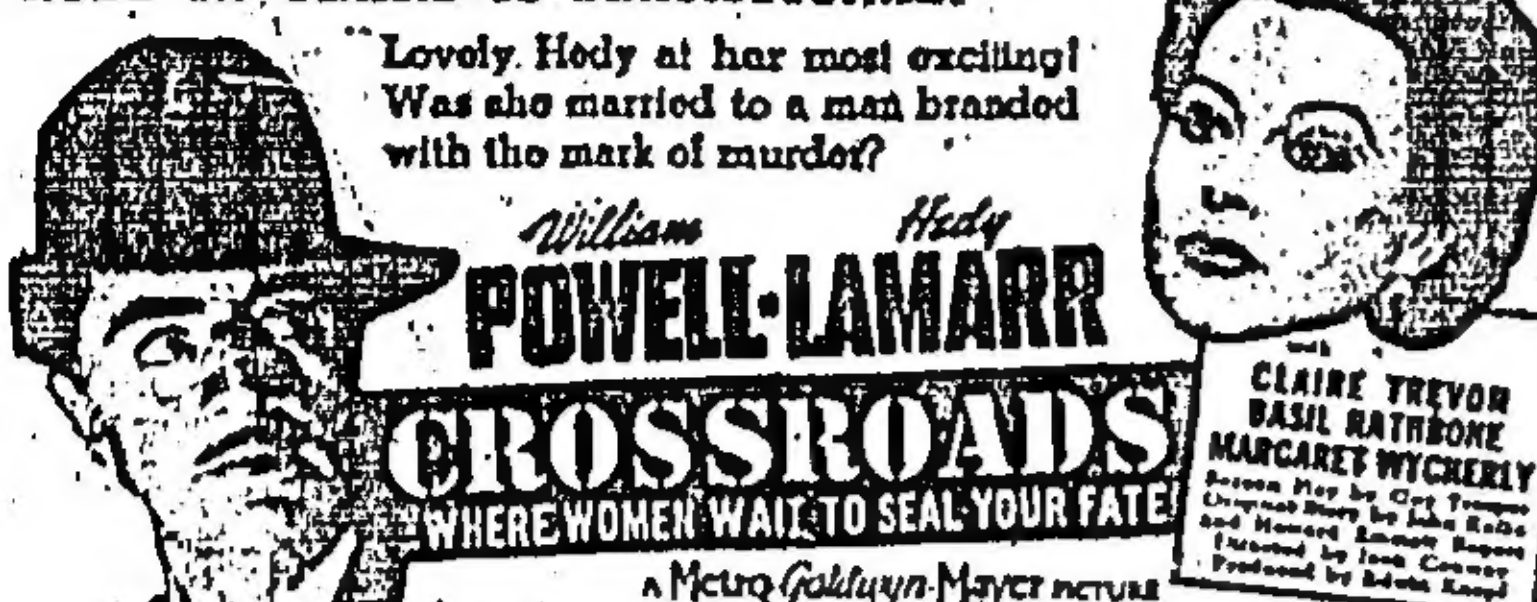
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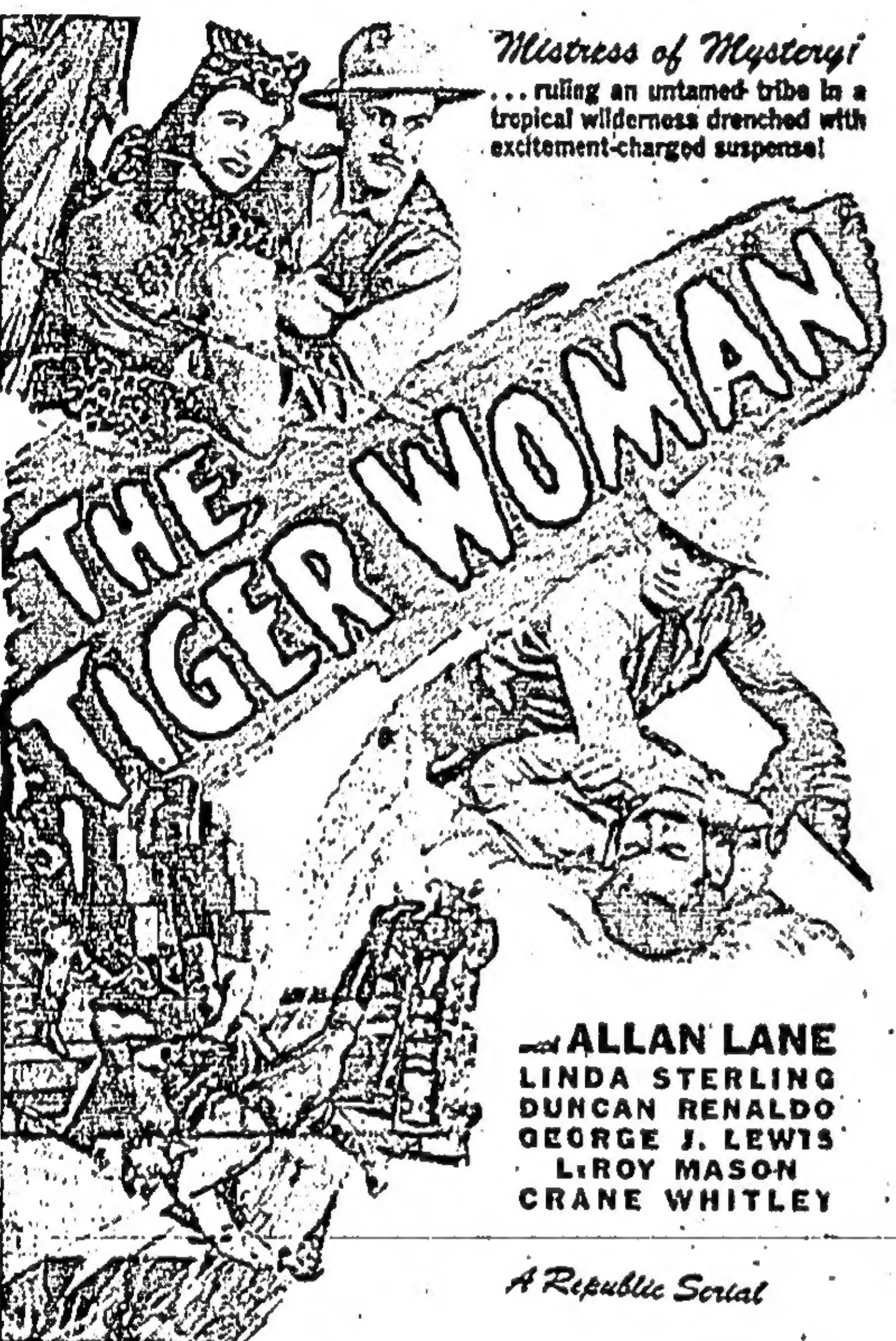
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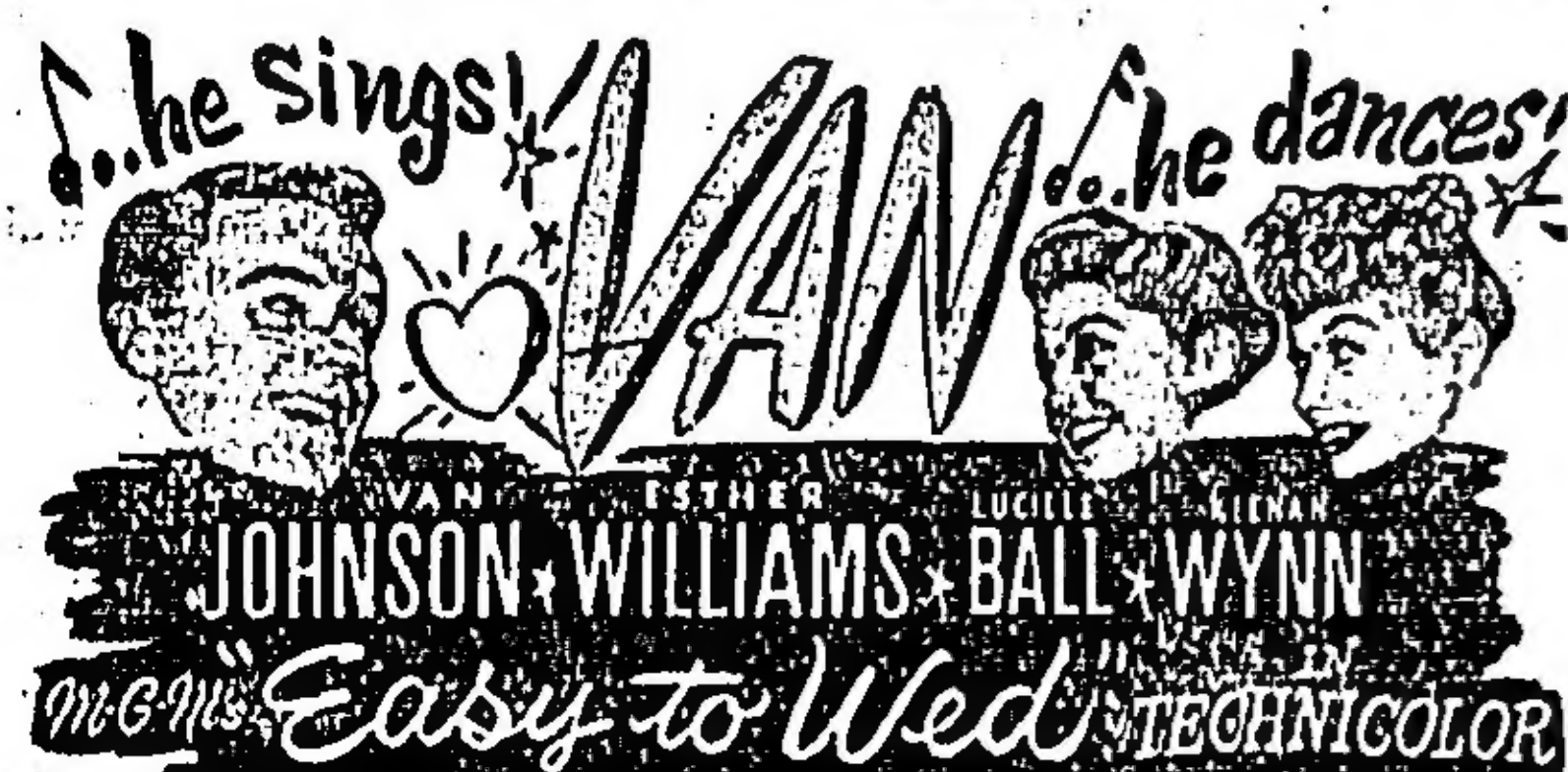
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HONGKONG AN OASIS
OF PROSPERITYBY
MALCOLM
MUGGERIDGE

HONGKONG is to be the Far East very much what Switzerland is to Europe—a little oasis of prosperity and stability in a largely chaotic continent.

Its shops are full of consumer goods; its currency, the Hongkong dollar, amid the vast inflation of China, is stable and everywhere acceptable, circulating throughout South China, where it provides the most satisfactory, and often the only reliable, means of exchange.

On this barren rock, which British enterprise and administration have transformed into a thriving port, law and order prevail when all around there is lawlessness and civil strife.

There is a police force whose higher ranks, at any rate, are beyond suspicion of corruption, and a Civil Service which since V.J.-Day has coped vigorously and competently with the problems of reconstruction.

The prices of necessities are effectively controlled, and the destruction of property due to the war, to the Japanese occupation, and, perhaps most of all, to an orgy of Chinese looting which followed Japan's collapse, is in process of being made good.

Cars to Nylons

ANYTHING, from the most expensive motor-car to nylon stockings, can be freely bought. Food in the hotels and restaurants is lavish, varied and by contemporary standards not expensive. Housing, is desperately short, both for Europeans and Asiatics, partly in consequence of the unending influx of refugees from China. There are no signs of malnutrition. The harbour is full of shipping, and business of every sort is thriving.

If such conditions seem particularly impressive, it is by contrast with China, which is rapidly falling into a condition of irretrievable disorder and misery. A long-drawn-out war with Japan and a civil war which shows no signs of abating have effectively wrecked the national economy. Nor has the National Government given any indication of being able to deal with this situation. The present tendency is for it to decline in prestige, in competence and, unhappily, in reputation for integrity. American dollars may suffice to keep it in existence, but can scarcely revive its sinking fortunes.

With covert Russian aid the Chinese Communists are expected to get control of Manchuria, and perhaps extend their influence to the Yellow River, before this year is out.

Heavy Immigration

IT is not surprising, in these circumstances, that there has been, and continues to be, heavy Chinese immigration into Hongkong. Under the Japanese occupation its population declined to about 500,000, but has subsequently been increased by the influx of at least a million refugees from the mainland.

The greater part of these refugees have been starving and landless peasants, victims of the civil war, but they have included some thousands of middle-class and wealthy Chinese seeking security from political instability and persecution and the possibility of investing their money without fear of currency depreciation or excessive taxation and levies amounting to confiscation.

Mr Muggeridge recently visited this part of the world to study the changed social and economic conditions brought about by the war and its aftermath. This article was written for the Daily Telegraph (London).

Refugees are still coming in at the astonishing, and to the authorities alarming, rate of 100,000 monthly.

It is indeed an ironical circumstance that while in China, and to a certain extent in Hongkong itself, propaganda favouring the return of the colony to Chinese jurisdiction is being carried on, more than a million Chinese should have to use Lenin's graphic phrase—"voled with their feet" in favour of living under British administration. There can be little doubt that many more would have come had it been possible.

Though the Hongkong authorities have no right, under the terms of the treaty of 1860, whereby the island was ceded in perpetuity to the British Government, to restrict immigration, in the interest of the refugees themselves, and of public hygiene in the colony, they have been forced at any rate as far as possible to discourage it.

Leased Territory

IN addition to the island of Hongkong, under the Anglo-Chinese Convention of 1898, the British Government acquired on a 99 years' lease a small portion of the mainland opposite.

This territory included the minute walled city of Kowloon, which it was agreed should continue to be under Chinese jurisdiction provided military arrangements for the defence of Hongkong were not prejudiced. In fact, in consequence of the incessant peace and corruption of Chinese administration, this provision had to be invoked almost at once. Kowloon City was therefore administered by the Hongkong Government up to December, 1941, when the Japanese occupied the colony.

The Japanese, during their occupation of Hongkong, reduced Kowloon City to rubble as part of a scheme to enlarge the Kaitak Airport.

Squatters Menace

WHEN the British returned, squatters, unable to find accommodation elsewhere, built themselves precarious and unhealthy dwellings among this rubble. Their numbers were such that their presence in Kowloon City constituted a serious danger to the physical well-being of the rest of the colony. Steps were taken, therefore, to remove them. As the residents, it was necessary to use force.

It was this incident which led to popular demonstrations of protest in various parts of China, and to organised attacks on the British Consulate in Canton and other towns. By a curious illogicality the same Chinese who are lauded in their protests against Hongkong being under British administration are equally insistent that to deprive Chinese of the right to live under that administration is a monstrous wrong, quite irrespective of whether there is any possibility of providing them with requisite shelter and employment.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

THRILL to the pictureisation of 40,000 wild buffaloes pursuing the composer Wagner through the trackless swamps of the unexplored Amazon, while Mme. Brahms fights off the maddened natives of the Andes.

Nothing like this has ever been seen before in a musical film. It took sixteen coloured marble organs, each one hundred and twelve feet high, to play the Tannhauser overture, which is sung by the Minneapolis Choir, augmented to 11,591 voices. There is an earthquake, a battle between whales and tigers in a power-house, a stampede of crayfish, a total eclipse of the sun, two forest fires, a landslide, and a fall of meteors. And through it all, like Nature's lullaby, throbs the heart-searching music of Richard Wagner.

Left over
Dear reader, and would it surprise you,
If while reading of this and of that,
You discovered one more of these stanzas
On the little round telework hat?

And again

1. What was your acreage of wuzzles in 1934? ... We want one plank, sir.
2. State condition of same when repaid? ... Oh, see above.
3. Average width of your wuzzles in 1929? ... Never have used wuzzles, ho yes.
4. Description of soil? ... We want one plank, sir.
5. Average yield per acre in 1937? ... Same ditto of above.
6. Average height per ton per acre. Per, per, per, what good is this, please, Minister?

La Zaphroma in action

MME. ZAPHROMA, who can tear her back of wolves in two with her bare hands, balance a helicopter on her chest, and slay a rhinoceros with one backblow from her elbow, pleaded that she was only a weak little unprotected woman when the secret police accused her of forecasting the weather by ill-temper. The poor little thing was so upset that she took the door of her room off its hinges, and banged the three policemen over the head with it. She then tucked one under each arm, tied the third round her neck, and took them back to their den. She told their superior beast that they had fainted while being told their fortunes.

Duet for zither

Up and down and back,
Up and down and back,
(Not only hither),
Up and down and back,
Up and down and back,
(But zither).

NANCY Turning the Tables



"I told you he stopped between floors if he doesn't get tipped!"

CULTURAL NEWSLETTER:

WAGNERIAN OPERA
RE-ESTABLISHED
IN LONDON

— BY R. C. WEETLOCK

LONDON, Feb. 25.
WAGNERIAN opera definitively re-established itself in London last week with production of Tristan and Isolde at Covent Garden Opera House; Kirston Flaggstad singing the part of Isolde.

A start had been made with the Master-singers in January but the performance of Tristan in German was "in many ways superior, and, largely owing to Mme. Flaggstad's brilliance, gave London its most exciting night of opera since before the war. Most critics were emphatic in their praise the only really cautious notice being written by Ernest Newman in the Sunday Times. It was undoubtedly Mme. Flaggstad's evening and it has been half-humourously suggested that instead of referring colloquially to the opera as Tristan we should in future call it Isolde. Her singing had a burnish that shed lustre on everything, a power that easily triumphed over the orchestra energetically conducted as it was by Karl Rankl.

Tristan was August Seidel and although he looked the part and sang in cultivated style he was constantly overshadowed by his partner. Hans Hotter proved magnificent Kurwenal and two English artists who earned conspicuous success were Constance Shacklock, a resonant Brangäne, and Norman Walker, a noble and dignified King Mark.

New Plays

It has been busy and successful week also in the legitimate theatre. Perhaps the most remarkable play was "Family Portrait" by two Americans, Lenore Coffee and W. Joyce Cowen, in which English actress Fay Compton gave a performance described by one critic as "one of major achievements of contemporary stage."

The family shown here is the family of Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus of course does not appear on the stage, but the play shows us the reactions of his family to a career that ended on the cross. They are a very ordinary everyday bunch of people quite unaware for most part of Jesus' greatness, alternately elated at his success as a preacher, irritated that he is not there to help them in their carpentry business and at the last dismayed and rather ashamed at his fate. "The Cockpit," by Bridget Roland, deals with mixed or group of displaced persons in a German theatre in 1945 and the difficulties of a British officer in trying to dispatch them east and west. They are all quarrelling among themselves until there is sudden scare of bubonic plague, when they become co-operative in the face of the

common enemy. There is no plaque, however, and as soon as the scare has passed they all begin to quarrel again. In its own way the play is quite as ironic as "Family Portrait."

The third new play in London last week was "The Gorbals Story" by Robert McLellan. The Gorbals is a notorious slum district in Glasgow. The play is performed by the Glasgow Unity Theatre Company, a repertory company, and it tells in homely style of the tragedies and humours of people who live in overcrowded homes.

Harrow History

"Harrow School — Yesterday And Today" by Dr E. Laborde (Winchester Publications, 30s.) is the book that will be of interest to old Harrovians all over the world. One of this number is Mr Winston Churchill, and another is Mr L. S. Amery, who has reviewed the book in the Sunday Times. Mr Amery praises the author's skill in recalling vividly certain aspects of the school's history and speaks highly of the admirable illustrations.

Mr Moore, the headmaster of Harrow, has described the book as "faithful and scrupulous guide to the buildings, houses and institutions of the school, their history, their arena, their embellishments and treasures and legends that cling to them."

Mr Amery recalls the true story of Mr Churchill being summoned before Dr Weidson, the then headmaster who said to him, "I've seen two letters in 'The Harrovian' not calculated to increase the respect of the boys for the constituted authorities of the school. I shall not dream of asking who wrote them, but if any more of the same sort appear it may be my painful duty to swish you!"

Lamb For Longevity

One of the best-loved figures in English literature is Charles Lamb, author of the Essays of Elia, and the annual birthday celebrations of the Charles Lamb Society last week had an appropriately friendly atmosphere.

Professor Basil Willey was the guest of honour and delivered the memorial lecture. He spoke of Lamb's lack of interest in politics—even the name of dreaded Napoleon Bonaparte only provoked him to witicism—and recalled that when people argued in Lamb's presence about public affairs he felt like a boy among grown-ups. On the other hand it is Lamb's wit and gentleness that have endeared him to posterity, and Professor Willey remarked that "we need Lamb as a corrective to state of mind that insists on fitting everything into the scheme of things."

It has been suggested that people influenced by charm and tranquillity, of Lamb's writings live long. Several members of this Society are over 80 including Mr Walter Farrow, the chairman, and Mr Gilbert Coleridge co-operative in the face of the

By Ernie Bushmiller

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"DEAR LOIS LEEDS"

"Dear Lois Leeds—I am sixteen years old, very white skin and light hair. Should I use dark powder?"—SUSIE."

Face powder with a Rose-Tan glow will most certainly be very becoming and it will tend to make your hair look lighter. You might also consider getting yourself a nice tan. A tanned blonde is always an attractive type.

"Dear Lois Leeds—My pores are so noticeable, coarse and ugly. Although my skin is slightly oily it is never bumpy or blotchy. How can I refine my skin?"—CLAIR."

First, think about your diet. Eat vegetables and fruit, drink milk, and get out in the air as much as possible. Cleanse your skin by using liquefied cleansing cream as well as soap and water. Purchase a pore cream and use it every night. The astringent quality of pore cream may set those pores to work in a more normal way, and the more they work the more "refined" they become. A patting once a week with an astringent lotion is also recommended.

Minute Makeups by GABRIELLE



When you have to make a Quick Change, take a facial cocktail. It will pep you up and put a glow in your cheeks and a sparkle in your eyes! Soap your face thoroughly. Massage in the astringent. Then rinse with cold water until your cheeks tingle. A dab of foundation cream, generous powdering and—you are on your way!

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"It was the funniest party ever—you should have seen the look on your boss's face when you pushed him into that fountain!"

"Painless" Dentist Soon Thanks To War Advances

The trip to the dentist soon may be a less unpleasant experience. "The painless dentist," more or less, is here at last. Science has developed a way to eliminate the pain of the drill.

Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, secretary of the American Dental Association, hailed progress in "pain control"—both in extractions and fillings—as one of the most significant of the wartime advances in dentistry.

The latest tool—which the war added to the kit of the "painless dentist"—is a diamond-tip drill.

The old style drill, usually made of hard steel, generated heat which would react on the nerves of the teeth and cause pain. The diamond drill produces little heat. Hence, no pain.

Dr. Hillenbrand said much progress had been made in local anæsthetics designed to deaden pain without endangering the patient. He said, however, the use of sodium pentothal is not yet advisable for the general dentist's chair, and this efficient drug should be administered only in hospital cases.

Solution Fails

"Hartmann's" solution, which stirred up enthusiasm a few years ago, proved a disappointment. It was an anæsthetic which was applied directly to the tooth. It was supposed to deaden the tooth while the dentist pulled it or worked on a filling. But the solution evaporated too quickly and lost its effectiveness.

Dr. Hillenbrand said children should be taught not to fear the dentist. He recommended that the child's first visit to the dentist's office should be made with a parent who is to have work done. That should be done when the child is about two years old.

It is a simple application of practical psychology, and the child may learn there is nothing to fear.



Mgr. Antoine Fourquet, Archbishop of Canton, who is going to France on leave after 52 years of mission work in Canton and Kwangtung Province. He is 73 years of age.

Women Barflies In America

America is becoming a nation of female barflies, an FBI official said.

Since 1941, 80,000 women have been convicted for drunkenness; 7,000 women were arrested for drunken driving; 8,000 women were arrested for other breaches of the liquor laws.

Said famous preacher Dr. Warren Hastings: "God help us if the next generation follows in the footsteps of the debauchees of today."

"The day may come when we have to put bars on the windows of our homes to keep women who speak from leaping out."

A law to prohibit serving drinks to unaccompanied women at bars or within eight feet of bars was introduced by Assemblyman Drohan in the New York State Assembly recently.

No woman with any self-respect would frequent a bar alone, Drohan said.

He did not object to women drinking moderately at home, but they must be careful not to offend children.

THIS FIRE IS 159 NOT OUT

A home-fire has been kept burning continuously by a mountain family for 159 years.

"The Fire" was started with flint and steel in 1788 by a pioneer family in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina.

The responsibility of keeping it alight was passed on through succeeding generations.

An octogenarian couple, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Owens, are the present fire tenders.

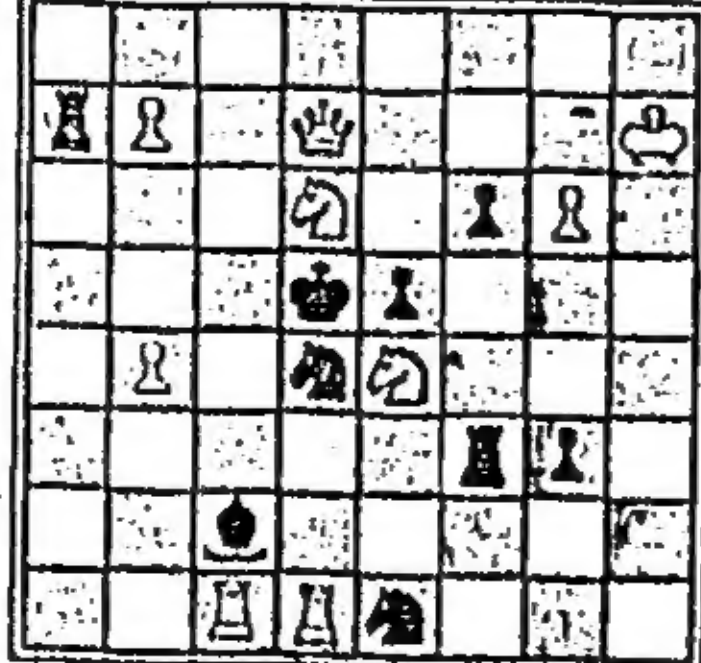
They have eight children, 22 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren to see that the fire remains burning after they die.

The fire has outlasted the original cabin where it was first set by Mrs. Owens' great-uncle, Thomas Dalton. The present cabin, 125 years old, was built of hand-hewn oak logs, and the fire was carefully transferred to its hearth.

CHESS PROBLEM

By S. C. DUTT

Black, 9 pieces



White, 9 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. Q. Q5, any; 2. Q. R, B, or P (ch, or dis ch) mates.

DUMB BELLS



McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Six Hearts Proves A Tight Squeeze

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

NOT long ago I had the pleasure of playing a game of bridge about the battleship "Missouri." My partner was Capt. Robert Dennison, who had just returned with President Truman from the Rio conference.

Although the captain is too busy to play much bridge, I have seldom seen a more enthusiastic player. We got a little overboard on today's hand, but that did not bother the captain a bit.

He lost the first trick to the ace of clubs, and when West came back with the queen of diamonds, Captain Dennison (North) won with the ace.

Dennison		Q75	
♠	J 8 6 2	♥	5 3
♦	A K 10 8 6	♣	7 6 3
♠	A K	♥	J 10 8
♦	Q 4	♣	
Declarer		Q75	
♠	A 10 8 4 3	♥	5 3
♦	Q J 10 4	♣	7 6 3
♠	A 2	♥	J 10 8
♦	K Q	♣	
Rubber—Neither vul.		Q75	
South	West	North	East
1	Pass	2	Pass
3	Pass	4	Pass
5	Pass	6	Pass
Opening—A J		Q75	

V2's COLOUR PICTURES TELL SECRETS

Colour photographs taken 100 miles above the earth are helping American scientists to discover "what it's like up there."

The pictures were taken by automatic cameras stowed away inside a V2 rocket fired recently from the U.S. Air Force experimental rocket base at White Sands, New Mexico.

In a few months photographs will be taken at twice that height, using the new "Neptune" rockets now being built for the U.S. Navy by the Glenn Martin Aircraft Company. These are planned to reach 235 miles.

Being Studied

The photographs taken by the V2 are now being studied.

Some of the seven cameras took continuous photographs of the earth and the horizon right from the take-off until the rocket reached its zenith.

At maximum height the cameras and other recording instruments were automatically ejected and dropped by parachute.

Three other things the rocket was used for were: to measure the effect of ionized particles on radio and radar waves; to determine the height of voltage breakdown in electrical equipment; and to measure temperatures and pressures at great altitudes.

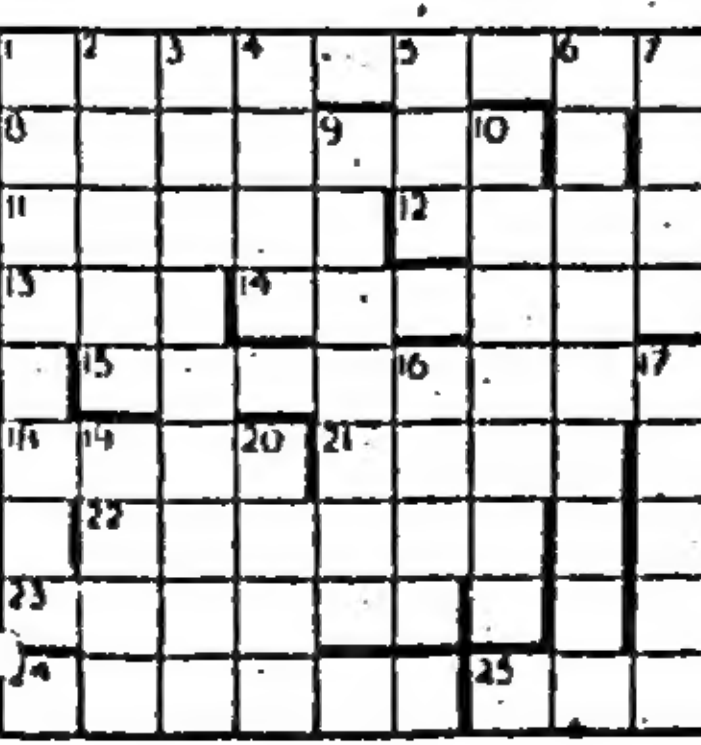
Rupert's Silver Trumpet—14

The Goliath leads Rupert away at a brisk trot, and the little cat Dinkie is determined not to be left behind. Straight up to the lonely part of the common they go and, crossing the small ridge, Goliath drops his sack into the back seat of the model airplane. "Is that yours?" Of course, it must be! "gasp" Rupert. "I see it all now." "I said it was simple," laughs Goliath. "Now I must be off or these letters won't be answered by Christmas." And he clambers in.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



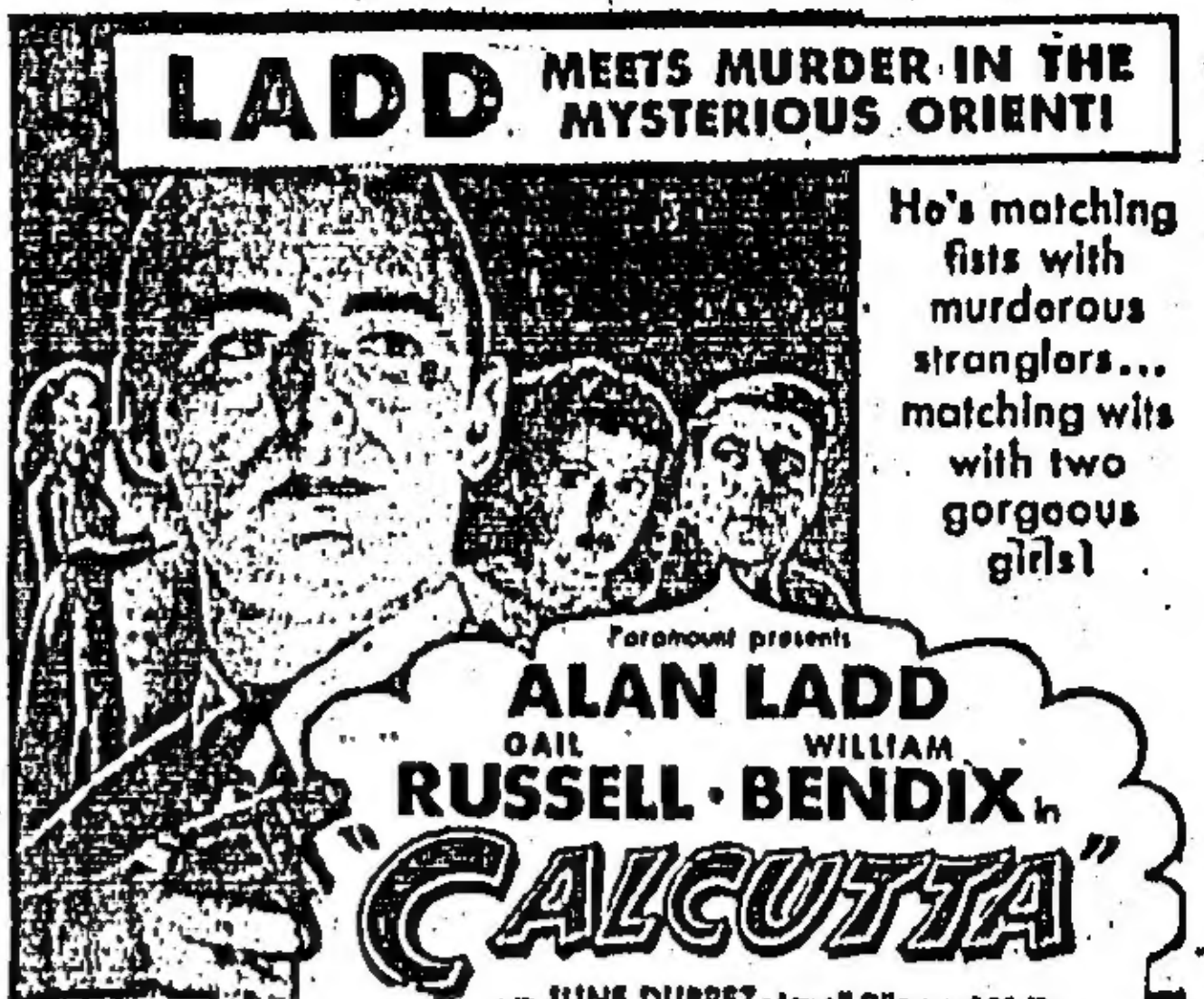
Across
1. Lower class (this will damp enthusiasm). (8, 11)
2. Not easily found in the oblique. (7)
3. Out. (4)

13. Stop just short of the site. (12)
14. Unhappy sort of individual. (10)
15. Ecstatic. (8)
16. One sort of double figure. (4)
17. This appears when I get in a rage. (4)
18. What the forger may do to gain perfection. (10)
19. Outburst. (6)
20. Sam and Sue adopt this way. (10)
21. Leads towards writing. (10)
Down
1. A nutty colour. (10)
2. Where one may carry for refreshment. (10)
3. Para at the keyhole. (10)
4. Ward in retreat. (10)
5. Tail end. (10)
6. Ideal and cute together explain. (10)
7. Girl's name. (4)
8. Neighbour to the Sphinx. (7)
9. Buttons. (4)
10. Once reserved for babies, now the B.B.C. has raised the age limit. (10)
11. Flower. (10)
12. Humorous character. (14)

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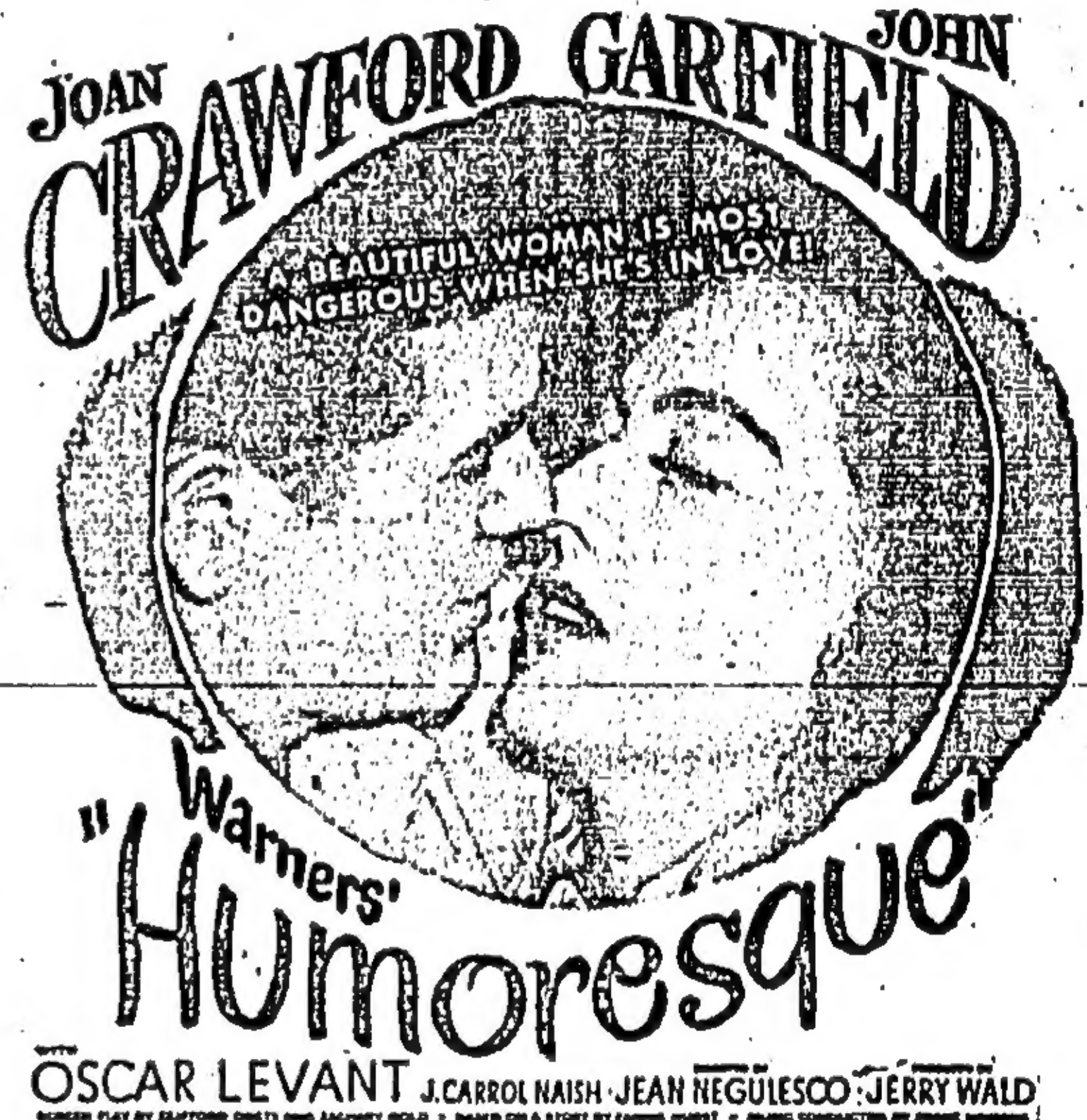
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America's Street Lighting Bureau found that four times as many people are killed in three hours after sunset as in the same number of hours before sunset. More than 10,000 people met death on U.S. roads during 1947, the result of poor lighting. The overall road toll was 33,700 in 1946. Full 1947 figures will show a 10 percent increase, the Nat'l Safety Council estimates.

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